## CALTRANS CONSTRUCTION ALERT

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**District:** 6 – Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Madera, Kern

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## EXTENDED CLOSURE OF PORTION OF ROAD 68 IN TULARE COUNTY

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Flatiron Construction will temporarily close a portion of Road 68 in Tulare County as part of the State Route 198 Hanford Expressway Widening Project.

Beginning Monday, January 11, 2010, a portion of Road 68 near State Route 198 between Road 280 and Road 304 will be temporarily closed to thru traffic for an extended period of time. This closure will allow crews to begin work on the construction of the new bridge structure at that location as part of the State Route 198 Hanford Expressway Widening Project.

Commuters are encouraged to take alternate routes whenever possible.

As part of a partnership with The California Highway Patrol (CHP), CHP enforcement will be present during construction to provide extra support for traffic control.

This \$50 million dollar project will convert an approximate 10 mile section of existing two lane conventional highway to a four lane controlled access expressway. The project limits are in Kings and Tulare Counties from east of State Route 43 in Hanford to west of State Route 99 near Visalia. Approximately 7 miles are in Kings County, with approximately 3 miles in Tulare County.

Caltrans would like to thank the residents and commuters for their patience during this improvement project. The public is asked to drive with extra care while traveling through the construction area and please **Slow of the Cone Zone**.

For updates and information regarding lane closures, commuter alerts and construction schedules during the length of this construction project, visit the Caltrans District 6 website, at **www.dot.ca.gov/dist6** and click on the Hanford Expressway logo.





